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SUBJ: FRG/GOS AID AGREEMENT SIGNED

1. WEST GERMANS AND SUDANESE SIGNED IN KHARTOUM
APRIL 14 NEW AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC
COOPERATION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1975. UNDER ITS TERMS FRG
WILL OFFER SUDAN THIS YEAR TOTAL ASSISTANCE AMOUNTING TO
120 MILLION MARKS. UNDERSTAND
FROM GERMAN AMBASSADOR THAT THIS GLOBAL FIGURE BROKEN
DOWN AS FOLLOWS: (A) 34 MILLION MARKS IN GRANT AID TO FINANCE
TECHNICAL STUDIES VARIOUS PROJECTS INCLUDING MODERNIZATION
SUAKIN PORT, MINERALS EXPLORATION AND ESTABLISHMENT NUMBER
NEW TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTERS; (B) 11 MILLION MARKS GRANT
AID FOR FOOD; AND (C) 75 MILLION MARK LOAN AT NORMAL INTEREST
TO BE REPAID OVER 50 YEARS WITH 10-YEAR GRACE PERIOD.
THIS LOAN IN TURN WILL BE USED AS FOLLOWS: 40 MILLION MARKS
FOR COMMODITY IMPORTS; 30 MILLION MARKS TO FINANCE SEVERAL
PROJECTS, INCLUDING SMALL HYDROELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT UPPER
WHITE NILE JUST SOUTH JUBA AND IMPROVING JUBA-WAU ROAD,
PLUS FIVE MILLION MARKS AS LOAN TO INDUSTRIAL BANK.

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2. GERMAN AMBASSADOR NOTED THIS ASSISTANCE WAS SOME

5-10 MILLION MARKS MORE THAN THAT PROVIDED BY FRG FOR CALENDAR 1974. THIS IS BEING DONE, HE SAID, NOT ONLY TO ASSIST SUDANESE BUT ALSO TO ENCOURAGE WEALTHY ARAB OIL STATES TO PROVIDE MORE AID HERE THEMSELVES. THIS CONNECTION, FRG DELEGATION WHICH SIGNED AGREEMENT HAS GONE TO RIYADH WHERE THEY ARE EXPECTED TO POINT WITH PRIDE TO THIS EVIDENCE OF GREATER FRG HELP TO ARABS DESPITE WEST GERMANY'S MOUNTING OIL BILL.

3. DETAILS AID AGREEMENT CARRIED LOCAL PRESS APRIL 15. SOME OF PUBLISHED FIGURES DIFFER SLIGHTLY FROM THOSE PROVIDED PRIVATELY BY GERMAN AMBASSADOR.

4. COMMENT. COMING AT TIME OF SPECIAL FINANCIAL STRINGENCY HERE, THIS AID AGREEMENT SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IN ASSISTING GOS MEET SOME OF ITS IMMEDIATE CASH FLOW PROBLEMS. FREE FOOD AID AND SUBSTANTIAL LOAN FOR COM-MODITY IMPORTS ARE LIKELY TO BE OF PARTICULAR HELP IN SHORT RUN WHICH IS ALL THAT SUDANESE, REMEMBERING KEYNES, ARE AT PRESENT CONCERNED WITH.
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